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PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION AND GUIDELINES

Massachusetts Gaming Commission to Simulcast Public Hearing Regarding Phase 1 Regulations

Simulcast and Live Stream Designed to Facilitate Public Participation in Multiple Regions

- WHO:** Members of the *Massachusetts Gaming Commission* including **Chairman Steve Crosby, Commissioner Gayle Cameron; Commissioner James F. McHugh, Commissioner Bruce Stebbins and Commissioner Enrique Zuniga** and members of the public
- WHAT:** The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) will simulcast three public hearings across the state seeking public comment on proposed Phase 1 Regulations developed to pre-qualify gaming applicants in an effort to expedite the licensing process. The Phase 1 Regulations regulate the first "suitability" phase of the licensing process for operating a state gaming establishment.
- WHEN:** **September 10, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.**
- WHERE:** The Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, 415 Summer St., Boston, MA, Room 102a
Springfield Technical Community College, 1 Armory Sq., Scibelli Building Auditorium, Springfield, MA
Massasoit Community College/Conference Center, 770 Crescent St., Brockton, MA
- LIVE STREAM:** <http://www.mass.gov/gaming/newsroom/internal-press-releases/seeking-public-comment-phase-1-regulations.html>
- GUIDELINES:** This public hearing is designed solely to receive comments about the Commission's draft regulations governing the **Phase 1 RFA** process. Throughout the hearing, the Commission will receive both written and verbal comments strictly in regards to the content of these regulations, portions of the regulations that should be changed, topics that are pertinent to the Phase 1 process but that have been omitted from the draft and other topics that focus solely on Phase 1 regulations.

The Commission is unable to take comments at this public hearing on any other issues relative to expanded gaming. In addition, the Commissioners will not discuss among themselves any public comments received at the hearing and will reserve that discussion for the Commission's regular public meeting on **September 25, 2012**.

Everyone who wishes to make a comment today about the proposed regulations must sign up at the beginning of the public hearing. The Commissioners will announce as the hearing begins the amount of time each speaker will have to present his or her comments.

To the extent possible, a transcript of the meeting and all of the written comments the Commission receives will be posted promptly on the Commission's website, mass.gov/gaming.

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